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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ENGEL ET AL.

Examiner

Brenda Pham

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5 and 6 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4, 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Petition for withdrawn the Restriction Requirement raised in the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005 has been approved and treat as a request for reconsideration. The application has been reconsidered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 3-4 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kunimasa et al (US 4,507,782).

Regarding claims 7-8, Kunimasa et al discloses in a data transmission system for transporting data packets created according to a defined data protocol for processing data, a method for detecting a special data packet, comprising the steps of: identifying a predefined subset of data within a trial data packet; generating a code sequence as a function of the subset by utilizing a suitable algorithm; comparing the generated code sequence with a predetermined sequence; and identifying the trial data packet as a special data packet when the comparing step results in a match; wherein the predetermined sequence is composed of identical symbols.

(“Referring to FIG. 4, a series of packet 50 each including data are sent from a packet mode terminal 1 to another packet mode terminal 11. Packets 51

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each including data from detecting a data error are inserted in the above mentioned series of packets. When a predetermined number of packets 50 have been sent from the terminal 1, or when packets 50 to be sent out are temporarily absent, the terminal 1 sends out a packet 51 including data for detecting a data error. The packet including data for detecting a data error is equivalent, in the transmission sequence, with other packets 50 including user data...When the packet including user data is received by the terminal 11, the terminal 11 forms an error check character for checking an error in the user data, from the received user data, in accordance with a sequence which has been determined between the terminals 1 and 11. The error check character thus formed is compared with data for detecting a data error when the packet 51 including the data for detecting a data error is received by the terminal 11 (col. 3, lines 32-55)). Kunimasa et al further teach "When the receiving packet buffer 66 receives a packet which has a data identification flag indicating that the packet includes data for checking a data error, the central control unit 60 instructs a comparator 67 to compare data in the receiving packet buffer 66 with data in the receiving check buffer 64. The comparator 67 compares these two data, and reports the result of comparison to the central control unit 60. When the results of comparison are normal, the central control unit 60 requires the channel interface circuit 68 to receive data, and the circuit 68 receives data from the receiving data buffer 62. When the results of comparison indicate that the two data disagree with each other, the central control unit 60 discards the above data (col. 5, lines 8-27).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-2 and 5-6 are allowed over prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art made of record does not teach or fairly suggests in combination a method for tagging a special data packet, comprising the steps of: examining the special data packet, without the error detection code; determining, from the examining step, additional data to be included with the special data packet in order to cause the error detection process to compute a predetermined sequence of error detection code; and modifying the special data packet by including the additional data determined by the determining step.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matar Ahmad, can be reached on (571) 272-7488.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

May 11, 2006
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PRIMARY EXAMINER